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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY TO SUBJECT
NOTE: QTE (COMPLIMENTARY INTRODUCTION)AND HAS THE
HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF JULY 10, 1975.

"THE EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THE RECENT PUBLICITY
TO WHICH THE MINISTRY REFERS HAS EMANATED FROM THE VISITS
OF TWO U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS AND A NUMBER OF U.S.
JOURNALISTS TO THE BERBERA AREA AT THE INVITATION OF THE
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SOMALI GOVERNMENT. SUCH PUBLICITY AS HAS OCCURRED SINCE

THAT TIME HAS BEEN MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF NON-OFFICIAL JOURNALISTIC ACCOUNTS OF THOSE VISITS. THE ONLY OTHER REFERENCES TO THIS ISSUE SINCE THAT TIME HAVE BEEN IN THE FORM OF REPORTS TO THE U.S- CONGRESS ISSUED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS UPON THEIR RETURN.

"WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ACCEPT THE CONTENTION OF THE MINISTRY THAT MEMBERS

OF THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION HAVE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATUS. SIMILARLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT VIOLATED EITHER THE AIR SPACE OR THE TERRITORY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

"IT IS A MATTER OF REGRET TO THE USG THAT THE RECENT DISAGREEMENT OVER THE NATURE OF THE FACILITIES IN BERBERA HAS BECOME A SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THE USG FOR ITS PART HAS NO DESIRE TO PROLONG THIS CONTROVERSY AND WISHES TO LOOK TO WAYS IN WHICH UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION MAY BE IMPROVED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END QTE INGERSOLL

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